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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in Sonoma County, CA, and I consider myself extremely lucky to have options when it comes to my ISP. I chose Sonic years ago, and have never looked back. They are a small business compared to others in the industry (AT&T, Comcast, etc), but their customer service and their product are of the highest quality. I love the relationship I have with them, and I love supporting a business based in my town, as they provide local jobs and the taxes they pay support our local community, etc. I recently switched from DSL to a fiber optic line with Sonic. I am so grateful that both were available to my home through Sonic. My husband and I run a business out of our home, so fast, reliable, and affordable internet is extremely important to us.

We must have the small, independent ISPs to be healthy and thriving in order to give consumers like me the kind of freedom of choice we need to make the best decisions for our homes and businesses. If we take away or limit their vitality, the consumer will be at the mercy of whatever the big companies want to charge. That is not a free and open market. That is handing over a market to a monopoly. Open and free markets is what makes this economy thrive. Please don't take that away.

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